

TALKING BOOKS PLUS
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PROVIDENCE, RI 02908
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Date: _____

Name _____ Sex _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone _____

Please give the name of a person to contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name _____ Telephone _____

By law, preference in lending of books and equipment is given to veterans.

☐ PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU HAVE BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED
FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

OPTIONAL RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

NOTICE: I UNDERSTAND THAT LIBRARY RECORDS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.
RIGL 38-2-2d(21). HOWEVER, I HEREBY AUTHORIZE TALKING BOOKS PLUS
TO RELEASE MY NAME AND ADDRESS TO THE R.I. STATE SERVICES FOR
THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTRUCTION
AND ORIENTATION IN THE USE OF LIBRARY SERVICES.

Signature: _____

INDICATE THE DISABILITY PREVENTING YOU FROM READING STANDARD
PRINTED MATERIAL. (SEE DEFINITIONS FROM ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ON
PAGE 4.) CHECK ONLY ONE BOX.

☐ BLINDNESS ☐ VISUAL HANDICAP ☐ PHYSICAL HANDICAP

☐ DEAF & BLIND ☐ READING DISABILITY (see note c on page 4)

IN ADDITION TO ANY OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS, DO YOU ALSO HAVE A
HEARING IMPAIRMENT? IF YES, INDICATE THE DEGREE OF HEARING LOSS:

☐ Moderate (some difficulty hearing and understanding speech)

☐ Profound (cannot hear or understand speech)

BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT

YOU MAY BORROW ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. (CHECK THOSE YOU WISH TO RECEIVE).

☐ TALKING BOOKS ON CASSETTES AND A CASSETTE PLAYER

☐ MAGAZINES ON DISCS AND A RECORD PLAYER

☐ LARGE TYPE BOOKS

☐ BRAILLE BOOKS

MUSIC MATERIALS (A separate application for service from NLS will be sent to you.)

- ☐ Music scores in braille
- ☐ Music scores in large print
- ☐ Music instruction on audio discs
- ☐ Music instruction on audio cassettes
- ☐ Music magazines on audio discs
- ☐ Music magazines in braille

PLAYBACK EQUIPMENT AND SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS ARE SUPPLIED TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS ON EXTENDED LOAN. IF THIS EQUIPMENT IS NOT BEING USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH RECORDED READING MATERIAL PROVIDED BY THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND ITS COOPERATING LIBRARIES, IT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE REGIONAL LIBRARY.

SPECIAL ATTACHMENTS FOR TALKING BOOK PHONOGRAPHS AND CASSETTE PLAYERS, CHECK ANY YOU NEED:

☐ **HEADPHONES**

ONLY ISSUED TO PATRONS WHO NEED THEM IN ORDER TO USE THE SERVICE

☐ **AMPLIFIER**

SPECIAL BOOSTER FOR USE WITH HEADPHONES BY HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS. NOT TO BE USED BY PERSONS WITH NORMAL HEARING. (SPECIAL APPLICATION REQUIRED).

☐ **PILLOWPHONE**

SOLELY FOR READERS CONFINED TO BED.

☐ **REMOTE CONTROL UNIT**

TURNS MACHINE ON AND OFF FROM REMOTE LOCATION. FOR THOSE WHO ARE CONFINED TO BED OR HAVE LITTLE OR NO MANUAL DEXTERITY. (SPECIAL APPLICATION REQUIRED).

READING PREFERENCES (Check Either A or B)

A. ☐ Send only the specific titles I will request.

or

B. ☐ I wish to have books selected for me in the categories checked below:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure 020 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy 721 | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics 201 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animals 040 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic 320 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romance 700 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers | <input type="checkbox"/> Health 340 | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction 061 | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction 720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonfiction 062 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction 360 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Stories 024 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible & | <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Short |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion 680 | <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. 380 | <input type="checkbox"/> Stories 760 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biographies 080 | <input type="checkbox"/> World 400 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Classics 140 | <input type="checkbox"/> Humor 440 | <input type="checkbox"/> Science 780 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking & | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports 800 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaking 420 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction 560 | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy Stories 545 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries 540 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonfiction 580 | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense 544 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama 240 | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel 840 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Science 740 | <input type="checkbox"/> War Stories 860 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stories 260 | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry 620 | <input type="checkbox"/> Westerns 881 |

OTHER: _____

I do not wish to receive books that contain:

In addition to English, I would like materials recorded in the following languages:

- ☐ Strong Language
☐ Violence
☐ Explicit descriptions of Sex

TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

(Refer to Section B on the back of this form for a definition of certifying authority)

Please print or type.

Name _____

Title and Occupation _____

Street Address _____

Telephone () _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

I certify that the applicant named has requested library service and is unable to read or use standard printed material for the reason indicated on page one of this form.

Signature _____

Date _____

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

- A. The following persons are eligible for loan service:
1. Blind persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
 2. Other physically handicapped persons as follows:
 - (a) Persons whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of standard printed material.
 - (b) Persons certified by competent authority as unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations.
 - (c) Persons certified by competent authority as having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent their reading printed material in a normal manner.
(See section C on this page.)
- B. In cases of blindness, visual disability, or physical limitations, "competent authority" is defined to include doctors of medicine; doctors of osteopathy; ophthalmologists; optometrists; registered nurses; therapists; professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, case workers, counselors, rehabilitation teachers, and superintendents). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by professional librarians or by any person whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to the Library of Congress.
- C. In the case of **READING DISABILITY** from organic dysfunction, competent authority is defined as doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.
- D. Qualified readers must be residents of the United States, including the several states, territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, or American citizens domiciled abroad.

Lending of Materials and Classes of Borrowers

Veterans. In the lending of books, recordings, musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials, preference shall be given at all times to the needs of the blind and other physically handicapped persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

Institutions. The reading materials and playback equipment for the use of blind and physically handicapped persons may be loaned to individuals who qualify, to institutions such as nursing homes and hospitals, and to schools for the blind or physically handicapped for the use of such persons only. The reading materials and playback equipment may also be used in public or private schools where handicapped students are enrolled; however, the students must be certified as eligible on an individual basis and must be the direct and only recipients of the materials and equipment.